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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-8, 11-16, 19, 20 and 22-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 9, 10, 17, 18 and 21 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ . |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 1-4, 6, 16, 19, 22-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over 6800621, alone or in view of WO 94/29321.

See ex 1, ex 2 (note 13a, 13b), example 3 (note 19b), example 4 (note 35a, 35b), example 5 (see 37a, 37b), example 6-7 and others. These have R3=H, R2=H, alkyl, cyclic alkyl, amino-alkyl, etc. These differ only in that these have alkyl (or haloalkyl) for R2, whereas applicants have carboxy-alkyl. Carboxy however is taught as a substituent on alkyl; see definition of R2 in claim 1. Hence, such a variation is obvious; the reference teaches such a group as alternatively useable.

Further, WO 94/29321 teaches this explicitly as well. The compounds there are virtually identical. The variable there, called R1, can be alkyl or carboxy-alkyl. Note for example that example 6 has the alkyl, and example 8 has the corresponding carboxy-alkyl of the same compound.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-8, 11-15, 19-20, 22-24 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

1. The term "cyclic amino" is ambiguous. It may mean a cycle attached to an amino N, e.g. anilino, or it may mean that the N is itself in a cycle, E.g. piperidinyl.
2. If the latter is intended, what sort of cycle is this to be? Can there be other heteroatoms in the ring? Can the ring be fused or bridged?
3. The import of the first parenthetical material in claim 4 is unclear. Does this in any way limit the claim? If not, what is it does there? Likewise claim 7, etc.
4. The intent of claim 23 is not clear. How does it in any way limit claim 22? If it does not, it is improperly dependent on claim 22.

Claim Objections

Claims 9-10, 17-18, and 21 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to /Mark L. Berch/ whose telephone number is 571-272-0663. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:15 - 3:45.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James O. Wilson can be reached on (571)272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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